

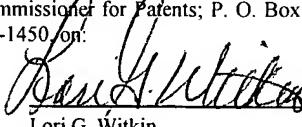


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Filed : September 20, 2005 Examiner: A. Bello  
  
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OPTICAL TIME DOMAIN REFLECTOMETERS

New York, New York  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Further to examination, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Complete Listing of the Claims and begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Response.